

## FRENCH LOSS ENORMOUS IN DRIVE AGAINST GERMAN WEDGE—CORPSES STREW HILLS

Berlin, via Wireless to London.—Despite enormous losses in fighting between Meuse and Moselle, French are attacking with increased fierceness. At every point Germans are maintaining positions in face of terrific attacks and along St. Mihiel-Pont-a-Mousson line the French are being slowly driven southward.

South Shields, Eng.—The tug Homer, towing the French bark Colonel Feonle off St. Catherine's Point, yesterday, was attacked by a German submarine. The tug attempted to ram the submarine in the heavy sea but missed her by three feet. The German then sent a torpedo against the side of the bark, sinking her.

Rome.—King Constantine of Greece described the situation in his kingdom as extremely critical in an interview granted a correspondent of the Rome newspaper Tribuna and published here today.

Rome.—Government officials today refused to comment on a report that all Italian steamers in American ports have been ordered to postpone their sailings until April 20.

Washington.—With the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich interned at the Norfolk navy yard, officials today said the situation growing out of her operations soon will be a closed incident.

Germany has agreed to pay all bills for the sinking of the Frye, including recompensing the American owners of the cargo.

Berlin, via Amsterdam.—An official statement issued here today said that from the beginning of the war to March 1, 6,050 guns of all description have been captured by the Germans. These included 3,300 from the Belgians, 1,300 from the French, 850 from the Russians and 600 from the British.

London.—Dispatches from Athens carried report that transports, convoyed by cruisers, had been sighted

off Enos. Reported to be disembarking part of allied expeditionary force upon Turkish soil for land attack on Dardanelles forts.

London.—On two battlefields, 700 miles apart, allies are co-operating in mighty attempt to crush Franz Josef's army and force Austria-Hungary to sue for peace.

Dispatches indicate allies are moving slowly to success. Russians are pressing forward into Hungary with Austro-Germans in retreat. Fierce drives of French around St. Mihiel have caused Germans to hurry reinforcements originally designed to stem Russian onslaughts in Carpathians. Hungary is in state of terror over Slav invasion and demanding that dual monarchy ask separate peace.

Bucharest dispatch estimated the Austro-Hungarian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners in defense of Hungary from invasion totalled more than 300,000. At least 100,000 of these were prisoners, according to Bucharest estimates.

Berlin claims that France's sudden offensive around St. Mihiel was directly linked with Russian advance on Carpathian passes generally accepted here.

Grimby, England.—A steam trawler was blown up in North sea yesterday a few miles off shore in sight of several fishing vessels. Carried a crew of 9. All thought to have perished.

### PANIC AT CANDY FACTORY

Thousands of employees of the Rueckheim Bros. & Eckstein candy factory at Peoria and Harrison were thrown into panic at noon when a fire escape holding a score of girls descended swiftly to the ground. One girl was injured and was carried into the office of the factory. The management said the first fire drill was in progress when the accident occurred.